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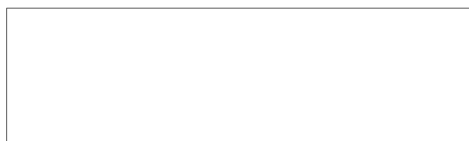
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AT SHANG-HAI, CHINA**

1. A new class of destroyer escort/guided missile destroyer escort SSM (DE/DEGS), designated the Kianghu class (Object Target Number 67-2329 00), was identified under construction at Shang-hai Naval Base and Shipyard Hu-tung [REDACTED] Unit 1 was at the downstream fitting-out wharf and unit 2 was in the midstage of construction on buildingway 3 (Figure 1).

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2. The two hulls have the same length overall and beam as the Kiangtung-class DE/DEG, [REDACTED]. However, the configuration of the Kianghu superstructure (Figure 2) is quite different. Two open deck areas, possibly for cruise missile launchers are fore and aft of the stack. Armament observed on unit 1 consists of possible single 100mm gun mounts fore and aft and two possible 37/57mm gun mounts on the aft 01 deck level

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3. Unit 1 was started [REDACTED] and was in the midstage of construction on buildingway 3 [REDACTED]

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4. This is the first new class of major surface combatant to be built by the People's Republic of China since the first unit of the Kiangtung-class DE/DEG was started in late 1970.

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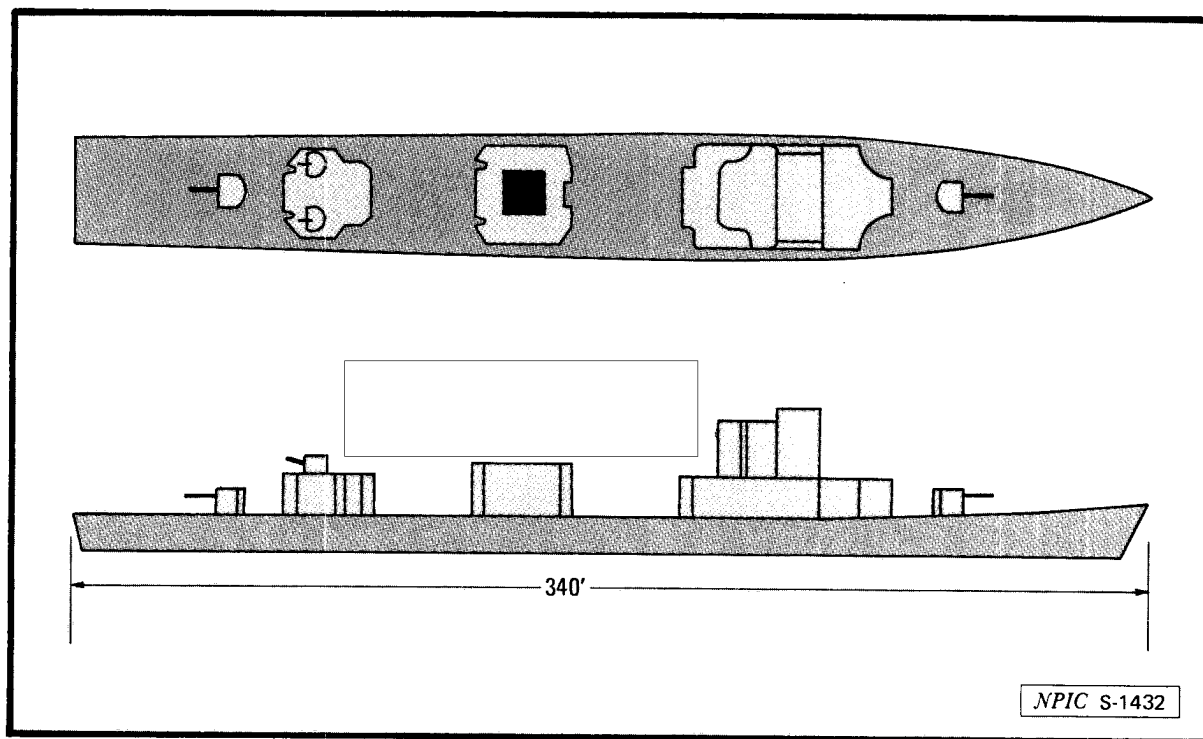


FIGURE 2. PROVISIONAL DRAWING, KIANGHU-CLASS DE/DEGS

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